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SUBJ: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: MEETING OF 2/14/74: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 235988; (B) STATE 230441; (C) USNATO 669

(D) USNATO 300; (E) USNATO 667

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 14 SET DATES FOR FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS:

A. USSR/EE AGRICULTURE--MARCH 28, BASED ON U.S. PAPER.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN GDR, POLAND AND DZECOSLOVAKIA--MAY 16-17, BASED ON GERMAN, FRENCH AND UK PAPERS.

C. COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE WITH LDC'S--MAY 30, BASED ON U.S. AND OTHER PAPERS.

D. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN COMECON--JUNE 6, BASED ON UK PAPER.

EC. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA--JUNE 13, BASED ON UK AND OTHER PAPERS.

2. US SUBMISSION FOR MARCH 28 USSR/EE AGRICULTURE MEETING IS THE ONE WHICH WAS DUE JANUARY 31 (REF A). U.S. PAPER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING IN COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE WITH LDC'S WAS IN PREVIOUS YEARS A SLIGHTLY MODIFIED VERSION OF USIB ANNUAL PUBLICATION "AND AND TRADE ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN LESS CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVELOPED AREAS OF THE FREE WORLD". WE SHALL WANT TO SUBMIT THIS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BY MID-APRIL AT LATEST. NO DATE SET FOR MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TECHNIQUES IN EASTERN EUROPE, FOR WHICH U.S. AGREED TO SUBMIT PAPER BY APRIL/MAY (REF B). MEETING ON

CHINA IS RESULT OF SUGGESTION BY UK WHICH HOPED FOR U.S. AND GERMAN EXPERT PARTICIPATION AS WELL. COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER POSSIBLE USSR-EE OIL STUDY (REF C) AT A LATER MEETING.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT DONALD BURTON OF OSR DURING CHAIRMAN'S RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF DETAILING A US EXPERT TO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE FOR A FEW MONTHS TO ASSIST WITH STUDY OF EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON DEFENSE SPENDING OF NATO COUNTRIES. CHAIRMAN ASKED EARLY COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON WHETHER ED/EC/73/125 CONSTITUTES SUITABLE BASIS FOR STUDY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION REQUESTS: (1) DATE WE CAN EXPECT US REPORT ON USSR/EE AGRICULTURE, AND NAME OF WASHINGTON EXPERT WHO WILL ATTEND MARCH 28 MEETING; (2) DATE WE CAN EXPECT UW REPORT ON COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE WITH LDC'S AND WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF WHICH EXPERTS WILL ATTEND MAY 16-17, MAY 30, AND JUNE 6 MEETINGS; (3) CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF ECONADS CHINA STUDY, AND WHETHER US CAN MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSION FOR REPORT, OR SEND EXPERT TO JUNE 13 MEETING; (4) COMMENTS ON ED/EC/73/125 ON INFLATION AND DEFENSE SPENDING (AS REQUESTED REF D); (5) EARLY REPORT ON WASHINGTON IDEAS RE DETAILING OF US EXPERT TO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE TO ASSIST IN THIS STUDY; (6) DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE ON WHEN WE SHALL RECEIVE REPORT ON US EXPORT CREDITS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES JANUARY-JUNE 1973 AND VIEWS ON DECLASSIFICATION OF AC/127-WP/371 (AS REQUESTED REF E). REQUEST REPLY FOR ECONAD'S MEETING FEBRUARY 21. RUMSFELD

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